

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Angel, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Attorney Funkhouser; Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Supt. Givens; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Vicki Peerman; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Lorelei and Roger Barnes; Sheri Banks; Manna Wightman; Belinda Jones; Betty Johnson; Ann Fischer; Sherri Moll; Frank Gilmore; Hank Hudson; Chris Janak - Bose McKinney & Evans; Sis Claxton; Ann Blackburn; Mary Ann Watson; John Robb; Bret Moyer and Jim O'Connor - Countrymark; Brandon Epison; Larry Williams; Tiffani Eisenhut - Mount Vernon Democrat; and Jamie Grabert - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board, should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Angel moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Water Works Revenue \$228,007.83

Water Operating & Maintenance 175,688.31

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported he did meet with Delta Chemical regarding the mess up with their chemical over the Thanksgiving Holiday, and they have denied any fault. He stated Delta indicated it was due to poor tank maintenance, though they did offer a discount on any future shipments, contingent on the city continuing to do business with them. He then stated currently, everything else is running quite well.

Supt. Gray then stated in reference to "in City" taps, they do not need approval of the Board, they just need to go to the water works and pay the fee. He then stated outside the city limit tap requests, will need to be approved by the Board, and he will work with City Attorney Funkhouser on those.

Attorney Funkhouser agreed, he will handle those requests.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Financial Report for the Water was ready ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Water Utility Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Water Utility Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Tucker asked if there was anything new on the landlord/tenant issue with outstanding bills that they had discussed at a previous meeting ?

Attorney Funkhouser replied he had a trial last week and was not able to research it much further, but the statute does not answer that specific question. He added the statute does provide for a sewer lien to be placed on property, but that option is not available for water.

Mayor Knowles stated she had been told that the city just needs to be more aggressive with the delinquent bill payers, and turn off the water. She added sewer can not be turned off.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he should have an answer at the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer